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Threatened Resignation

It is learned, on high authority, that at his recent stormy conference with Senator Stone, Representative Flood and other democratic leaders, President Wilson actually threatened to resign the presidency if he was not permitted to have his own way in the conduct of relations with Germany. Mr. Wilson is quoted as having said, and in very strong language, "I would infinitely prefer to go down in history as a democratic president who had the nerve to resign, than as a democratic president who had been kicked by majorities of his own party in congress, as did Mr. Cleveland." Novel as was the proposition that a president would resign, his hearers, realizing the extent to which he has had his own way in the white house and his unwillingness to brook opposition, even from his best friends, were greatly impressed. Returning to the capitol, they denounced him among themselves as a traitor to his party and as a tyrant, but they also bestirred themselves to prevent the passage of the Gore resolution, or any other legislation of the character to which Mr. Wilson objects. Republicans are opposed to such legislation as Senator Gore proposes, not because they would mind opposing President Wilson, but because they believe such an enactment would be an act of cowardice which would still further gain for the United States the contempt of foreign nations. Furthermore, they are convinced that, despite the president's repudiated trade with Germany, that nation has its hands too full to be willing at this time to go to war with the United States.

When Will It End

The question of when this administration will end, when Woodrow Wilson's successor will be inaugurated, is occasioning discussion among the constitutional sharks in congress. Next year, for the first time in the history of the nation it is asserted, March 4th will fall on Sunday. Nor will this occur again, the sharks claim, for another 138 years. According to the constitution, the president's term ends at noon on March 4th, but will the next president be inaugurated on Sunday—and if not, when?

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Eggs not 95 per cent good will be barred from interstate commerce hereafter under a ruling just made by the department of agriculture at Washington. Shippers packing more than 5 per cent bad eggs will be regarded as violating the food and drug acts by adulteration.

Investigation has shown, the department's announcement says, that through the method of candling shippers may eliminate all but 5 per cent of bad eggs.

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What has become of the old-fashioned steer that grew the cheaper cuts?

The pedestrian emits the hoarse hoot every time the price of gasoline goes up.

Taking one's pen in hand does not seem to accomplish much unless it is loaded.

However, not even the scoffers can quarrel with the elocution of the movie stars.

When a fellow agrees with his conscience he never gets loud and calls it an ignorant fool.

European statesmen predict peace in 1917. It certainly will be peace or pieces by that time.

One of the morals of the high cost of gasoline is the desirability of owning a flock of oil wells.

Sometimes one gets the impression that the snorer's nose, like his heart, is an involuntary organ.

The total cost of the Panama canal to date is \$357,436,048, with a slide or two yet to hear from.

When you do your duty you are a hero. When your neighbor does his duty—well, he ought to do it.

Probably, if the truth could be revealed, indigestion has slammed more doors than artistic temperament.

What a pity that the European powers can't settle their affairs as amicably as the baseball war was settled!

You never know what invincible ignorance means until you meet a man who absolutely refuses to agree with you.

Freak furs being fashionable this year, father might make a hit with the family by dyeing his whiskers green.

Naturally a Swiss aviator wouldn't fear holes in the air after long experience with the perils of the native cheese.

We rather expected that kissing would be blamed for spreading grippe; think of the "heart disease" that it causes.

Somebody says the war will make women "a drug on the market." However, they'll never become as bitter as quinine.

This is a world of change. They used to have high chairs for children, but now the fashion is coming to be low tables.

Men laugh when brother man takes a tumble on the sidewalk, but they feel sorry when a horse falls on the slippery street.

Whenever you see a man boasting his piety and righteousness, just put it down that his halo is brass and that he is an ordinary hyp.

Golf instructors tell how to grip the club, but some of the game's most ardent supporters would now like to know how to club the grippe.

If prize fighters could fight half as good as their press agents say they can, there wouldn't be much need for all this worry over national defense.

Why do men say they would like to live their lives over again? The chances are they would do again the same foolish things they have outlived.

Nearly all the American editors have discovered a disposition upon the part of the European belligerents to ignore the war advice they get from this side.

Mount Vesuvius is vainly making rated bids for attention by violent eruptions. The noise of the bombs and cannon are drowning all others these times.

Man is supposed to be the braver, but no son of woman has yet been born with enough nerve to be the first to walk down street with shoes laced at the side and fur at the top.

A Boston doctor says people should learn to like what is best for them, and start when they are young. Boys, for instance, should learn to like a rattling good larrupping occasionally, but we don't believe they will.

It has long been known that British officers wear wrist watches, and now it is learned that some of the German soldiers who are fighting in the colder theaters of war carry muffs; and yet even the scornfullest occupant of the seat of the scorners wouldn't accuse any of them of being effeminate.

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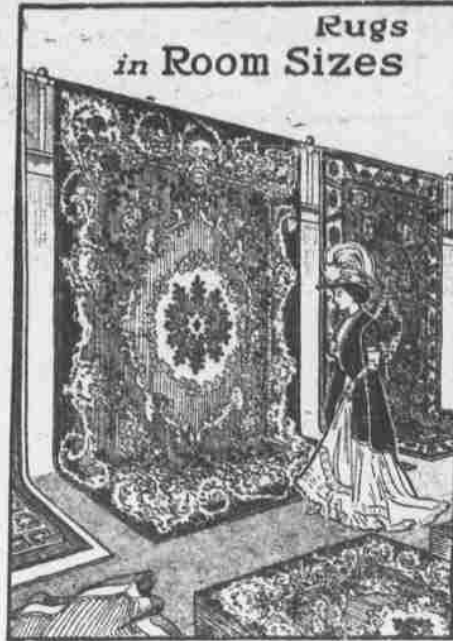
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